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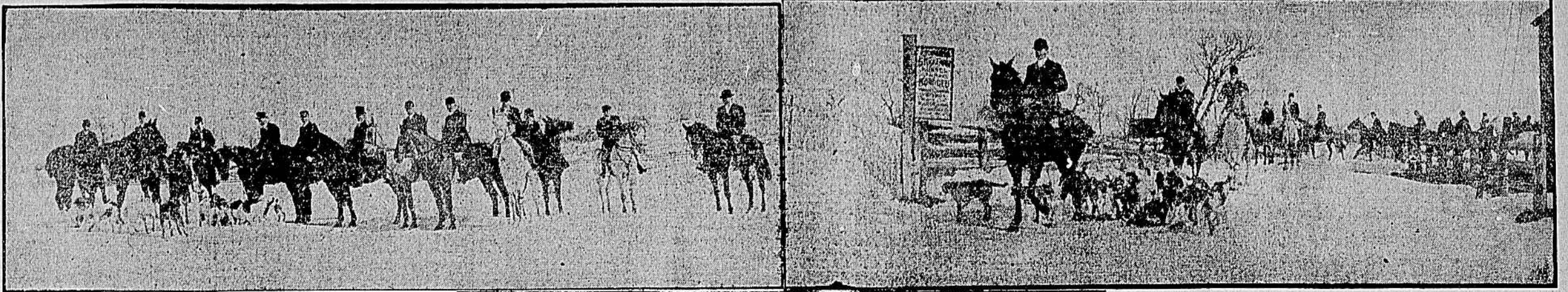
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WHITE MARSH VALLEY HUNT CLUB, OF PENNSYLVANIA, HUNTING IN SNOW AND FOLLOWING HOUNDS OVER COUNTRY



THE KILL.

MR. JENNIFER HAS TWO ACCIDENTS

Horse and Rider Go Into
Ditch and Then Hunter
Lands in Wire Fence

NEITHER RIDER NOR HORSE HURT

A Large Field Has a Long, Stiff
Run Over Good Country.

Reception Held at the
Clubhouse After the
Chase Was Well
Attended.

With a large field, a beautiful sky overhead and firm ground underfoot, the Deep Run Hunt Club had a splendid hunt yesterday afternoon over one of the stiffest and longest courses they have had this season. Riders and hunters were in good form, and the stiff cross-country ride presented no difficulties which they could not overcome, except to Mr. Jennifer, who came a bad cropper near the Grantland house. Mr. Jennifer left the regular course, and essayed to put his horse over an inviting live-foot fence, with a bad ditch on the far side. Hunter and rider managed to get over, but they both landed in the ditch, from which there was a hurried scramble to terra firma again. Mr. Jennifer remounted his hunter and continued the chase.

At the Higginbotham place he ran his horse into a wire fence, scratching him pretty badly, but not otherwise injuring the steed. Nevertheless, Mr. Jennifer felt that his chapter of accidents was complete, and decided to discontinue the run. Barring these two accidents, the run passed without other incident, save that the riders enjoyed themselves immensely in the cross-country chase, and returned to the clubhouse with spirits at the highest point of exhilaration. The meet was held at Rio Vista, the first east being made at "Grantlands," the country estate of Mr. Walter E. Grant. It was a large field and one of the longest and stiffest runs of the season. The riders took in Madison's place, Higginbotham's, whence they went up the Three-Chop Road, thence across the Broad-Street Road. Over the Chantilly across the hunters sped, and rounding out the course at Acca, came back to the clubhouse.

Those riding to hounds were Mr. St. George Bryan, M. F. H., on Benvenuto; Mr. James W. Graves, on Kingsman; Miss Mary Buford, on Erin; Dr. R. C. Bryan, on Syllus; Mr. Archer Anderson, on Chorus Girl; Mr. Graffner, on Hobson; on Pelham; Mr. J. L. Gathright, on Bertha Barker; Mr. A. S. Buford, on Janice; Mr. J. T. Patterson, on Duster; Mr. R. D. Harris, on Gates; Mr. Leigh R. Page, on Forest King; Mr. B. H. Ellington on Overland; Mr. Palmer Leigh, on Brown Jug; Mr. B. S. Forbes, on Iron Prince; Mr. J. R. C. Jenifer, on Grey Rock; Mr. R. M. Taylor, on Croston; Mr. A. Brainerd, on Bryan; and Mr. John Bryan, on Indian Joe.

Those who received at the clubhouse were Mesdames James H. Anderson, Stuart Hume, B. H. Ellington, George Cole Scott, and Misses Alice Doyle, Wardell Cronshaw, Julia Joyce, Caroline Rennolds and Cora Younger.

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ROWING RACES AT JAMESTOWN

Aquatic Features Will Be Among
the Strongest Attractions
This Summer.

COURSE ON HAMPTON ROADS

There Will Also Be Yachting
and Motor-Boat Racing, as
Well as Swimming Events.

BY JOHN T. MAGINNIS.
NORFOLK, VA., February 22.—The interest aroused among the amateur oarsmen of the country, imbued, perhaps, as much from a desire to see the exposition and the great naval and military spectacles as by sporting enthusiasm, promises a place to aquatic events not second to any feature of the exposition.

Despite some opposition to the selection of the Hampton Roads course the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will row at the Jamestown Exposition, and the throngs of visitors will learn to feel an interest in something they see talked or written about, but have known nothing of in the way that personal observation excites.

There will also be on the water yacht racing, motor-boat racing and swimming contests. The courses selected by a committee, which recently went over the waters near the exposition in a steam launch, are two in number—a short course, lying alongshore, inside Willoughby Spit and parallel to the spit; the other at right-angles to it along the exposition grounds, towards the Elizabeth River, and extending from the government pier at the exposition to a point near Craney Island light.

These courses, within the protected roadstead and additionally protected by the spit and the spit and lying entirely within Willoughby Bay, and the other with the long government double pier acting as a breakwater, will afford at nearly all times smooth rowing, while the magnificent boulevard along the water front of the Jamestown Exposition grounds will afford a vantage to the crowds of onlookers unexcelled by any course in the country, not excepting those at New London and Poughkeepsie, while the straight-away is incalculably better than the Harlem River, with its turns, bridges and traffic.

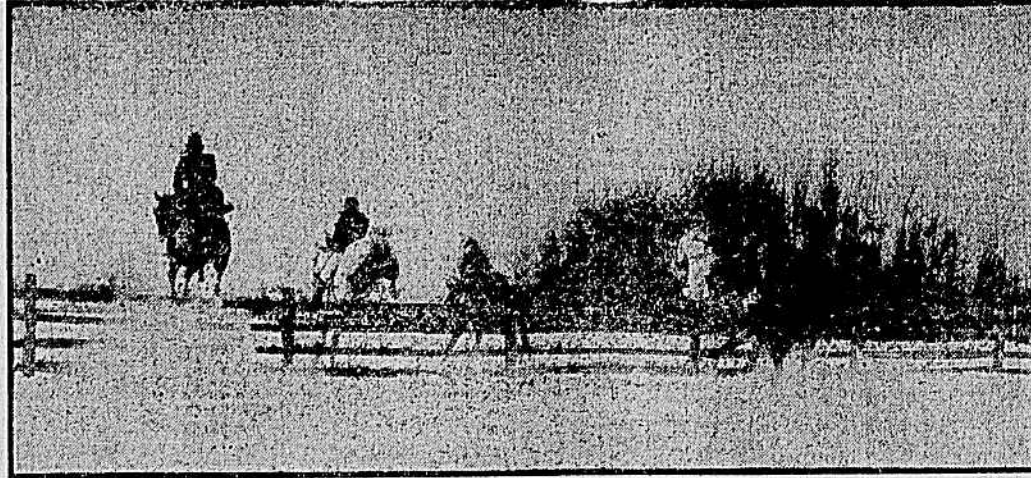
The events must of necessity have enormously larger crowds of spectators than are ordinarily drawn to regattas, and the sport must inevitably give a great spur to rowing among people who have not had their interest sufficiently aroused to take it up, and in the same proportion are the boat-makers likely to profit.

The exposition boulevard along the shore of Hampton Roads is more than 200 feet wide, and on it front the many beautiful State buildings, with their Colonial pillared verandas, from which thousands of visitors may view the races.

A very large number drawn to the exposition by rowing will find especial interest in the round of athletics under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Of the aquatics, the intercity races will be looked to with great interest. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore will undoubtedly have picked eight. President Riddington has taken up this matter with vim and

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OVER A POST-AND-RAIL FENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22.—The White Marsh Valley is situated in the southern part of Montgomery county, northwest of Philadelphia, and gets its name from a thick white mist which enshrouds it in the early morning during the spring and fall season. It is a limestone valley, with the Wissahickon Creek running through the center, and is celebrated as a grazing country, many of the meadows having been sown, if ever, plowed up. The fences are post and rail, and

well kept up; the going mostly level and open; a fine country for thoroughbreds and long-striding horses, who can gallop along to their heart's content and jump as big as they please, seldom encountering trappy or cramped places.

Draughting starts the 1st of October, and continues until March.

Any good day during the season will find a field of from thirty to sixty well-mounted hunters ready to follow ten couples of evenly-matched foxhounds over ten miles of as fine a

hunting country as one could wish to see.

The White Marsh Valley Hunt Club, although young, is a thriving one, having a full membership list of two hundred, a new clubhouse, stables, kennels, etc., are to be built this spring, overlooking the old mile track at Erdenheim, that old farm famous in past years as the home of Irquels, Flora Temple, and many other celebrated running and trotting champions.

The annual race meet of the club is held the first Saturday in October. Mr. Welsh Strawbridge is master.

FIGHTS GALORE NEXT MONTH.

Nevada Will Be Alive With the Gentry That Follow Close on the Heels of Illustrious Examples of the "Manly Art."

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 22.—There will be enough stirring in Nevada on the 18th of next month. If present arrangements go through, two fights will be held which will attract attention outside the boundary lines of the sagebrush Commonwealth. In other words, the Gans-Britt mill will not play by itself. Harry Pollok gave assurance last week that the Herman Corbett match had been clinched for Reno on March 18, the day Gans and Britt will meet. A couple of gambling men, by the names of Kohl and Johnson, who manage a large casino at Reno, are promoting the contest, for which they have hung up a \$10,000 purse. The purse is ample. The weight agreed upon—136 three hours before the fight—indicates that Corbett is not the pudgy little featherweight he once was. When he was fighting here he

could do as low as 128. Herman fought Gans at 133 ringside, and made the weight in a bloody walk. The Chicago fighter is really a 130-pounder, so he is giving away more weight to Corbett than he did to the champion, who whipped him without going to the bat. Though fighting at a much heavier weight than ever before, Harry Pollok seems perfectly satisfied with his protégé, for he says: "The kid is really in good shape, and I only wish that he had behaved himself three years ago one-half as well as he has done now."

If the ex-champion is based at Reno, it won't be for lack of preparation. Unless he changes his mind he will work with Joe Gans at Tonopah. It will be recalled that recently Gans offered to bet part of his bankroll on Corbett to beat most any lightweight, barring his distinguished self. Corbett and Gans have been on intimate

terms ever since they worked together at San Rafael a year or so ago. When a fellow is down and out, trust Gans to give him a helping hand. Joe was once down and out himself, and therefore knows what the sensation feels like. The Tonopah Club may have some objection to Corbett, who is to appear in a counter attraction, fighting himself in Gans camp, but, anyway, this is Pollok's present intention. Tim McGrath, formerly of San Francisco but now of Wall Street, has been asked to take charge of the training. Usually Harry Tutill trains Corbett, and perhaps he would have him now if he could secure his services. Tutill trains the New York National League Club every year, and before it is time to fight Tutill will be expected to report to Mugsey McGraw at Los Angeles. But McGrath knows Corbett like a book, for he has handled him before.

FRANK HOPPE MATCHED TO PLAY POOL CHAMPION

Thomas Hueston, the pool champion, and Frank Hoppe, brother of the ex-champion billiardist, will play a match game early next month at Nat Ward's Academy, in Park City, Colo. It will not be for the championship, as Hoppe will receive a handicap. The champion will play 600 points to Hoppe's 400. They will play for \$200 a side and the gate receipts.

Hoppe believes he can defeat the champion without receiving a handicap, but as the handicap proposition was made to him and as Hueston offered to bet on the result he decided to play this match first and play for the championship later. He said he would issue a challenge for the title immediately after this match.

AMERICAN POLO TEAMS TO PLAY ALL ENGLAND

NEW YORK, February 22.—It is possible that an American polo game will be organized within the next month to go abroad in May and play the Hurlingham Club of London for the Ameri-

can Cup, which is now held by the English polo players, who took it away from this country twenty-one years ago. At present, however, the formation of a team of American challengers is doubtful.

JACK CHESBRO WILL NOT PLAY BALL ANY MORE

NEW YORK, February 22.—Jack Chesbro, the great pitcher who played on the New York American League baseball team last year, announced recently in a letter from his home to a friend in this city that he is through with baseball. Jack says in part: "I got a letter from Grif asking me to come to New York and sign, but I told him I am through with baseball. Gee, I'm feeling fine these days, and we are having fun."

Chesbro was one of the best pitchers in either league a few years ago. But he is evidently in earnest about his decision to retire from baseball. He is taking things easy at his home and spends much of his time driving

\$20,000 A YEAR FOR JOCKEY WILLIE SHAW

NEW YORK, February 22.—Willie Beauchamp, a jockey, who rode in Germany last year, returned home recently with the news that the Wellbargs are the whole thing on the turf in that country. He says that they have a remarkably strong stable and will make it possible for Willie Shaw, who will ride for them this year, for a salary of \$20,000 and expenses, to make a great record in point of successful mounts.

South Carolina to Have Race Meetings.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 22.—The South Carolina Jockey Club, having secured its charter from the State Legislature, tonight elected officers. The club proposes to build a mile track on the other side of the Ashley River. It has assurances of recognition by the Eastern Jockey Club. Meetings will be held during the winter months.

TWO NEW RECORDS FOR NEW ORLEANS

Bush Cup Handicap Went to
Marion Neal, Who Cut Off
One-Fifth Second.

ST. VALENTINE WINNER ALSO

Refined, at 10 to 1, Cut Out the
Pace in the Last Event and
Romped Home.

NEW ORLEANS, February 22.—Two new track records were made to-day at the Fair Grounds. The famous classic of the Louisiana turf, the Bush Cup handicap, at two miles and a quarter, was won by Marvin Neal, in 3:56, which is one-fifth of a second better than the previous record. Marvin Neal's victory marked the first time in the cup's history that a local owner has won it, Louis F. Piper being the lucky man.

In the third race, St. Valentine, also a local horse, clipped one-fifth of a second off the track record.

First race—Six furlongs, selling. Spider Web (9 to 2) first, Paragon (13 to 1) second, Ball (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:14.

Second race—Four and a half furlongs. Gresham (11 to 2) first, Blue Lee (8 to 5) second, Ruby Wick (9 to 1) third. Time, 1:55.

Third race—Handicap: mile and a sixteenth—St. Valentine (4 to 1) first, Granada (12 to 5) second, Peter Sterling (7 to 5) third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

Fourth race—Bush Cup handicap: \$1,500 added; two and a quarter miles—Marvin Neal (8 to 1) first, Missouri Lad (9 to 10) second, Gay Minister (16 to 1) third. Time, 3:56.

Fifth race—Five and a half furlongs—Colony (1 to 2) first, Glad (12 to 1) second, Pasadena (60 to 1) third. Time, 1:50 3-5.

Sixth race—Six furlongs—Refined (10 to 1) first, Sallie Preston (5 to 1) second, Dapple Gold (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:13 2-5.

Seventh race—Selling: mile and an eighth—Kaiserhoff (11 to 5) first, Gamaster (7 to 1) second, Dole Strome (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:55.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

OSTEND, February 22.—Leopold Hoffer, the manager of the forthcoming chess carnival to be held at Ostend, Belgium, during May, announces another splendid program, including a championship tournament limited to those six masters who are able to show the best records. Two thousand dollars, with an added pension of \$250, have been set aside for the event. A contest on a larger scale numerically will be open to about thirty masters, with a prize fund of \$12,500, plus a pension of \$1,500. The amateurs will compete in three classes, with \$500 for the first, \$400 for the second, and \$200 for the third. There will also be a woman's championship tournament for prizes aggregating \$300.

Killed While Coasting.

ELMIRA, N. Y., February 22.—While coasting on the grounds of Congressman J. Stout Paset, a boy named James Buckley met death in a peculiar manner. He attempted to pass under an apple tree, the limbs of which hung close to the ground. One of the limbs pierced the lad's neck, passing clean through. He lived but a few minutes.

ERECT BUILDING FOR ANIMAL SHOW

Street Railway Company
Offers Bostock Per-
manent Quarters.

BELIEVED OWNER WILL ACCEPT

"Animal King" Now on Way to
Richmond From Paris—Some-
thing About the Man
Who Is Known All
Over the
World.

Frank C. Bostock, "The Animal King," is to-day on the ocean en route from Paris to Richmond. Information to this effect came by cable from Queenstown, at which place it was received by wireless from Mr. Bostock, then 100 miles at sea. The following is the message sent to his managers here:

"Sailed yesterday. Am well. Weather fine. Regards to all. (Signed) 'F. C. BOSTOCK.'"

According to Mr. Bostock's local manager he usually sails for America early each spring on one of the fastest trans-Atlantic liners, and should, therefore, reach New York not later than Thursday afternoon. He will probably remain in New York only a short time, possibly but a few hours for the purpose of conferring with his American representative, Dr. E. L. Buckley. Then he will come direct to Richmond, where he will stop in the Jefferson Hotel.

Two Big Questions.

Two important matters await Mr. Bostock's arrival here. One is the final selection of the site at the Jamestown Exposition for his wild animal shows, and the designs for the \$20,000 building to be constructed for him on the site. In this connection it may be said that the Pine Beach site seems at present to be the one most likely to be approved by him.

The other matter is of far more interest and importance to every resident of Richmond and Manchester and the surrounding country. This is the consideration of an offer from the receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to furnish Mr. Bostock with permanent and comfortable winter quarters, and let him have the place for a term of not less than five years.

This means that the Passenger and Power Company will construct a large, modern building suitable for housing, exhibiting and training all the Bostock groups of animals, now in this country and Europe.

If negotiations can be brought to a successful termination Richmond will have every winter the finest show of wild animals in existence, an attraction for sufficient magnitude to draw many thousands of people to the city from the surrounding country.

His Personal History.

Born in a travelling caravan, a lion tamer at fourteen, and master showman three years later, Frank C. Bostock, forty years old September 10th, has a well established and recognized position in the front rank of the show-

EVENTS OF THE WEEK AS SEEN BY OUR CARTOONIST.

